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From the St. James's Evening-Post, Oct. 13.

Petersburg, Sept. 18.

WE have received Advice from Revel, That the Commanders of the Engliſh and Daniſh Squadrons, who had begun to weigh Anchor from before the Iſland of Nargen, were conſtrained by contrary Winds to continue there, and wait for more favourable Weather.

Leghorn, Sept. 28. A French Ship arrived in 38 from Alexandria reports, *that on the* 14th of July all the French Nation in thoſe Parts went Abroad for the firſt Time, after having been 4 Months ſhut up on account of the Plague; That the Waters of the Nile having exceedingly overflowed this Year, they flattered themſelves with the Hopes of a plentiful Crop, and alſo of being freed for a long Time from the Contagion, by the Means of theſe Waters having purified the Air.

Vienna, Oct. 2. Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Emperor's Birthday, when he entred into his 42d Year, his Majeſty receiv'd the Compliments thereupon at the Favorita. The Ambaſſadors of France and Sardinia are ſhortly to return home. The 30th paſt Mr. Von Berkentheim the Daniſh Miniſter, returned with his whole Family to Copenhagen. At length the Emperor has granted the Evangelick Body of the Empire the Demand ſo long inſiſted upon, *viz.* To ſend a Commiſſion, compoſed of Commiſſioners of the Three Religions, the R. Catholick, the Reform'd, and the Lutheran, to repair to the very Places aggrieved in Matters of Religion, and there to decide without Appeal, at the Expence of thoſe who ſhall be found in the Wrong. Several ſcandalous Libels having lately been publiſhed here againſt ſome Foreign Courts, the Government has expreſly forbid the Bookſellers of this City to print or publiſh any more of them, and a Reward of 1000 Florins is promiſed for diſcovering the Authors.

Elſinore, Oct. 5. On the 2d Inſtant we had a violent Storm, which ſwelled the Sea to ſuch a Degree, that the like has not been known for many Years. All the Ships in the Road were droye upon their Anchors, ſome were oblig'd to cut their Cables and ſuffered ſome Damage in their Rigging, and three or four were actually obliged to cut their Maſts by the Board. Another homeward bound Veſſel from Iſeland to Copenhagen run aſhore near Helſinbourg. Four others were alſo drove aſhore near Landſcroon; and 'tis ſaid that 9 others are caſt away between Kool and Zantholm.

London, Oct. 15. The Morocco Ambaſſador is taking Leave of the Court and the Nobility, being on the Point of returning home. A Man of War is to Land his Excellency near the Streights Mouth.

One Hagne, an Officer belonging to the Sheriff of Middleſex, having a Writ againſt Mr. Eraſmus Philips, the reputed Author of a Paper called, *The Country Gentleman*; at the Suit of a Corn-Chandler: He went Yeſterday Morning to his Houſe in Hanover Street near Hanover Square, with two Aſſiſtants to execute the ſame. The Footman that opened the Door, told them his Maſter was not ſtirring; but they not taking his Word for it, ruſh'd all forward up Stairs; whereupon the Servants cryed out *Thieves, Rogues*! And Mr. Philips being in his Room, and the Door lock'd, fird a Piſtol thro' the Wainſcot, and ſhot one of the Aſſiſtants, named Green, into the Belly, who died immediately. Mr. Philips found Means to make his Eſcape.

The following Ships were loſt in the Baltick in the Storm, which happened on the 24th of September, viz. a Ship, Jacob Downers Maſter, from Bayonne for Amſterdam; Capt. Hans Zeelander, from Amſterdam for Lubeck, loſt on Southolm; Capt. Wilſie Dickſie, laden with Herrings, loſt near Helſingbourg; Capt. Wybrand Pieterez, loſt by Landskroon; Capt. Lars Finbergh, from St. Ubes, was full of Water at Falsberburgh; Capt. A. J. Lung from Stockholm, loſt near Memel; a Ship laden with Iron, and another with Flax, both loſt on the Coaſt of Courland; Capt. Claes Swarts, from Stockholm, Koſter Capt. from Riga, a Ship from Coningsberg, and one from Dantzick, all four loſt on Bornholm; Capt. Hamme Tierkſz, from Amſterdam for Stetin, loſt in the Sound, and the People all

all drown'd; Captain John Wopkes Schoenmaker, from Petersburg, for Roterdam, a Ship from Stockholm, another from Dantzick, and another Ship, all four loſt on the Coaſt of Jutland.

At the Seſſions laſt Saturday at Weſtminſter, a Bill of Indictment was found againſt one Barns, for an Aſſault with an Intent to commit a Rape upon the Body of a Girl of 5 Years old: Before the Bill was found, the ſaid Barns made his Eſcape out of the Gatehouſe, and is not ſince found.

This Day the Seſſions ended at Old Baily, and 8 Perſons received Sentence of Death.

Benefit TICKETS *drawn on Thurſday the* 13*th, and Friday the* 14*th, being the* 22*d and* 23*d Days.*

Num.	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value*
95288	100	99112	100	14570	500
95075	100	317	100	46648	100
5057	100	92354	100	65265	100
91043	100	13279	1000	23469	100
98793	100	97299	100	55307	100
36957	100	89516	100	28253	500
90090	500	5808	100	19396	100
24496	100	48468	100	57933	100

And 304 of 20 L. each

Total drawn from the Beginning, 3424.

Portſmouth, Octob. 13.

" Laſt Saturday in the Evening we had here a " fine Scene of that ſurprizing Phænomenon called " *Aurora Borealis*, or *The Northern Twilight*, which " continued ſeveral Hours, and gave a Light e- " qual to that of a Full Moon in a ſerene Sky. It " began between 7 & 8 at Night, and I ſaw it af- " ter 10. Sometimes the Light ſtreamed up all " around the Horizon in various-coloured Streaks " or Pyramids at pretty regular Diſtances, towards " the Zenith, where it formed a very bright Circle, " and made the whole reſemble a vaſt Cupola or " Umbrello. This I ſaw twice or thrice, and it " was a very glorious Sight. This Meteor was al- " ſo ſeen here at 2 or 3 aclock next Morning, and " probably continued all that Day.

" The Spence purpoſes to ſail Tomororw, about " 60 Men are this Day put on board her from the " Portland and Tyger. "

From the Daily Journal, Octob. 15.

Canterbury, Oct. 12. On Saturday Night the Evening Star at her firſt Appearance, was exceeding red, and the Clouds about her very dark and black, ſoon after there appeared in the N. E. and S. W. bright Streaks and Streams of Light and Fire, moving and rolling to and fro, and increaſing and moving towards the middle of the Firmament, till they met and joined together: After which, on a ſudden, between eight and nine, the Heaven appeared to open to a Point, to ſo vaſt a height and Diſtance, that the naked Eye could ſcarce reach it. At the point or utmoſt height, there ſeemed to be a Body of Fire, or Combuſtible Matter fired, from which Lightnings did ſeveral Times appear to ſhoot and dart; and from the ſaid Body iſſued downwards, Rays of Fire, very bright and exceeding large; having as it were the Appearance or Repreſentation of a Glory or exceeding great Star, with pointed Rays; ſo that this Phœnominon, or Appearance, formed as it were a large round Tent, or Pavilion, of which this Glory ſeemed the Curtains or Foldings; it ſeemed to incline rather to the Eaſt or South Eaſt; the Sky by Degrees cloſed again, but the Heavens continued for a conſiderable Time after, as if on Fire; bright Streams of Light and Fire, moving and rolling to and fro in every Part.

Warſaw, Octob. 5. The Publick here expect ſomewhat extraordinary from the Deliberations of the Diet at Grodno, and the rather, by reaſon the Imperial, Ruſſian, Pruſſian and Dutch, with th' French and Britiſh Miniſters, are now there, looking after the Intereſt of their reſpective Maſters. Mean time we long to know, whether the Satisfaction demanded by the Proteſtant Powers on account of the Affair of Thorn, *&c.* will be granted by the ſaid Diet. The Romiſh Clergy are now buſy in ſending Meſſengers to and fro on their Affairs during the preſent Seſſion of the Diet, and 'tis not doubted but they will oppoſe the Inſtances of the Miniſters of the Proteſtant Powers, which, 'tis feared, will raiſe ſuch warm Debates as may occaſion an Abruption; tho' we are well aſſured, ſuch coercive Methods are uſed to cauſe an Unanimity among the Members of the Diet, that no ſmall Difference can be able to render the ſame ineffectual.

From the Flying Poſt, October 15.

Naples, Sept. 24. Every Day brings freſh Tidings of the Deſolation at Palermo, on Acconnt of the Earthquake, with ſuch Circumſtances as draw Tears from the Eyes of all that hear it. The laſt News from thence was, that the City is reduced to a perfect Solitude, the Inhabitants being retired to the Country under Tents, and no Body caring to return to Town, for Fear of being knock'd on the

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Head, becauſe moſt of the Buildings that are left ſtanding, threatned to fall.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Octob. 15.

Rome, Sept. 28. In the Audience which the Pope granted to the Pretender and his 2 Sons, he gave to each of the 2 Sons a very fine String of Beads, a Bill, and ſeveral Crowns, and offered the Father his Litter to carry him to Bologna. The Sons are to ſet out this Day with the Lord Hay, who is Governor to the eldeſt, and then he is to go to Madrid as the Pretender's Miniſter. The Chevalier himſelf will ſet out next Tueſday for Bologna, after which his Lady is to return to his Palace, where he will meet her towards Chriſtmaſs, in order to live together as Man and Wife, without ſaying one Word of what has paſs'd. The Pretender met the Pope the other Day in the Street; who immediately alighted out of his Coach, and tenderly embraced him, and after a long Conference parted from him, not without Tears in his Eyes. The Princeſs Sobieski received a Letter lately from her Husband, for which ſhe could not help ſhewing extraordinary Joy.

Genoa, Sept. 20. Laſt Thurſday morning about one a-clock we felt a ſlight Earthquake here, but God be praiſed it had no ill Effect.

Hague, Oct. 18. Letters from the North ſay there are great Debates in the Diet of Grodno; but that the Aſſembly of the States of Sweden proceeded with great Unanimity and Tranquillity. We hear that the Plague is entirely abated at Alexandria, Roſetto and Cairo; and that the Waters of the Nile in that Country are riſen very high this Year, to the great Joy of the Inhabitants.

London, Oct. 15.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

Wheat, 28 to 33. Rye, 17 to 21. Barley, 18 to 21. Oats, 10 to 13. Boiling Peaſe, 28 to 32. Hog Peaſe, 22 to 24. Old Beans, 22 to 24. New Beans, 19 to 21. Brown Malt, 22 to 25. Pale ditto, 24 to 27. Diſtillers ditto, 17 to 19. Tares, 26 to 30. Hops, 3 l. to 3 l. 10 ſh.

Since our laſt arrived a French and a Holland Mail.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, October 18.

LEtters from Grodno remark, That the French Ambaſſador joins with the Proteſtant Miniſters there, who continue ſtrenuouſly to inſiſt upon a due Satisfaction for what had paſſed at Thorn, and a ſpeedy Redreſs of the other Grievances of the Diſſenters in Poland; and 'tis hoped the Dyet will comply, notwithſtanding the contrary is ſuggeſted, and that the Affairs in Europe will take a different Turn to what has been reported by ill Deſigning Men.

Mean Time we ſee in one of our publick Prints of this Day, an Article inſerted from Amſterdam, dated the 22d Inſt. N. S. which ſay they have Letters from Berlin, adviſing, That a Treaty was made betwixt the Emperor and King of Pruſſia, and give the Particulars thereof, which we forbear to mention till better Authority. The Advices from Hanover are, That an Alliance is concluded betwixt the Emperor, the Czarina, and a third Power not mentioned, but that before they take ſeparate Meaſures, the latter is to mediate an Accommodation.

Publick Stocks are riſen, S. S. to 100 1 half. Ditto Annuities 94 for the opening without the Dividend. Bank 121. India 148.

Yeſterday three of his Majeſty's Ships of War mentioned in our laſt, viz. the Pearl of 40 Guns, the Rumney of 50, and the Cornwall of 80 Guns, were launched at Deptford, his Majeſty was not there as was expected. The ſame Day No. 13,368 was drawn at Guildhall, a Prize of 20,000 L. and No. 65,359, a Prize of 500 L. Undrawn Lottery Tickets 10 ſh. Diſcount. The ſame Day likewiſe came Advice, That the Eſſex arrived off of Dover the Day before from Jamaica, having on board the Dutcheſs af Portland and her Family, as alſo the Corpſe of the late Duke. This Ship left Jamaica on the 21ſt of July laſt, and had very bad Weather at Sea, in which ſhe loſt her Main and Mizen Maſts.

'Tis thought Serjeant Pingelly will ſucceed Sir Jeffry Gilbert deceaſt, as Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. The Duke of Newcaſtle and ſome others of the Miniſters are come to Town from their reſpective Countrey Seats.

The diſappointing this Year the Czarina from putting her Deſigns in Execution, the Protecting our Trade abroad, the Acceſſion of the States General and other Powers to the Hanover Treaty, and the Proſpect of having the Grievances of our Proteſtant Brethren redreſſed, muſt be received with the greateſt Satisfaction in the enſuing Parliament.

'Tis ſaid the late Duke of Ormond will be appointed Miniſter of Spain to the Court of Moſcovy.

This Day the young Duke of Portland and his Brother the Lord George came from Eaton School

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to wait upon their Mother, and a great many Persons of Quality and Distinction, came to pay their Compliment on her Graces Arrival. We hear that the Lord Chief Baron Gilbert who died at the Bath last Friday, was to be buried there last Night. He has left the Bulk of his Estate to Sir John Norris and Sir John Palmer of Senhock Barronets.

'Tis confidently said, that Mr. Baron Price will soon be made Judge of the Common Pleas, but perhaps the Death of the Lord Chief Baron may have altered the Case.

From the Flying Post, Octob. 18.

Stockholm, Octob. 9. An Express is arrived here from the English and Danish Fleets, with Advice that they sailed the 1st Inst. before Noon from the Bay of Revel, and advanced next Day as far as Dagerood. We impatiently expect the next Advices, because in the Afternoon that Day there was a violent Storm. Mean time we doubt not but the English Men of War weathered it bravely, because they were well rigged.

Copenhagen, Oct. 12. The Weather having been of late stormy, and the Baltick Sea having not been so much swelled in the Memory of Man as now, we are in great Pain for the united Squadrons. His Danish Majesty is resolved to fit out his whole Fleet next Year, and Orders are given already to raise the necessary Compliment of Seamen.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 18.

Vienna, Oct. 9. On the 4th the Duke de Richlieu had a private Audience of the Emperor, to return Thanks not only on account of his Imperial Majesty's Consent to the Promotion of the Ancient Bishop of Frejus to the Purple, but also for the Satisfaction given to his Excellency concerning the Insult done some of his Domesticks, and for the most gracious Pardon granted by his Imperial Majesty, upon the most earnest Request of his Excellency, to the Troopers who were Offenders; adding, That in Consideration of the Regard thereby express'd by his Imperial Majesty, the Most Christian King has, at his Recommendation, given Directions for restoring to Abbot Strickland, now Bishop of Namur, the Revenues of his Abbey in France.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Oct. 18.

Vienna, Oct. 9. We are assured, That in case the Danish Court does not give Ear to the Proposals made to that Court with respect to the Duke of Holstein, the Courts of Vienna, Russia and Madrid will take other Measures.

Petersburg, Sept. 29. The Council is employed about deliberating on some Proposals that have been made for an Accommodation between the British and Russian Courts. Mean while the Levies are carried on through all Russia, in order to have 40 new Regiments on Foot by next Spring, each Regiment to consist of 2000 Men. Admiral Kruys has Orders to unrig all the Men of War and Galleys, and to quarter the Seamen in Barracks.

Edinburgh, Oct. 24. Thursday last, being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Coronation, was observed here as usually, by Order and Example of the Magistrates. His Excellency General Wade reviewed 2 Regiments of Dragoons at Musselburgh; and the Royal Scots Fuzileers solemnized the Day in the Abbey Close.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†¶† The Trustees of the Creditors of the Right Honourable the Earl of NORTHESK, hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors to be held on the Fifteenth of November next, at 3 a clock after Noon, in John's Coffee-house: Where the Trustees are to lay before the Creditors what Steps they have made in the Management of the Affairs committed to them, and will explain what Causes it is owing to that greater Progress has not been made therein; to the end the Creditors may apply the proper Remedy, and come to such Resolutions as may enable the Trustees to proceed in the further Management of their Affairs with greater Benefit to the Creditors, and with less Trouble and Loss of Time to the Trustees.

¶†¶ There was stoln out of a Stable in Mutton-hole, in Cramond-parish, on Tuesday-night last, from John Lawrie Tenant there, TWO HORSES, the one a Blue-Gray with Blue-Gray Spots on both Sides, and a very short Tail, going Eight Years: The other, a Blue Gray Horse, Whip-tail'd, and whiter in the Face than the other, about seven Years old. Whoever can apprehend the Thief, or secure Horses so as they be got back, shall be honestly rewarded, besides the Owner's Kindness. Enquire at the Author of this Paper,

Fishery-Office, Oct. 18, 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Copartnery are to Expose to publick Sale at their Office on *Tuesday* the FIRST DAY of November next, at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates for the Encouragement of Bidders, viz.—One Lot, containing 7 C. 1 Qr. 23 lb. Coils and Pieces of new Ropes, at 25 sh. per Hundred——— One ditto, containing 4 new Herring-Nets at 12. 15 sterl. each Net——— Eight ditto containing 110 undress'd Nets, at 8 sh. sterl. each Net——— Utensils for a Twine work per Inventary, to be set up at L. 8. 00. 0. sterl.——— Ditto, for the Cod-fishing as per Inventary, to be set up at L. 10. 0. 0. sterl.——— Ditto for a Barking-house per ditto, to be set up at L. 10. 0. 0.

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